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EXDIS, FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: MARR, PINT, AS  
SUBJECT: DEFENCE MINISTER KILLEN'S UNCERTAINTY OVER SENSITIVE  
ASPECTS OF JOINT U.S.-AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE COOPERATION

REF: STATE 192974

1. SQUIRE AS INSTRUCTED LEFT NO WRITING BUT READ MY LETTER TO YEEND AT 1230 P.M. JULY 25 PERTH TIME. PERTH THAT DAY WAS LUCUS OF FEDERAL CABINET MEETING (FOR FIRST TIME IN OVER 30 YEARS) WHICH WAS REASON FOR YEEND'S PRESENCE.
2. YEEND LISTENED CLOSELY, ASKED FEW QUESTIONS AND INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. CONCERN AND THAT HE WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE ON TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER QUOTE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS END QUOTE, WHICH SQUIRE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THE PM WAS ABSORBED BY THE PERTH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND ADDITIONAL PERTH CABINET MEETINGS.
3. YOU WILL BE ADVISED JUST AS SOON AS WE HAVE REPLY. DO YOU WISH ME TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS BY INQUIRY TO YEEND?  
ALSTON

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